

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for indicating allowable subject matter of claims 2 – 9, 12, 15 – 17 and 25.

According to the Office Action, claim 29 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form.

Further according to the Office Action, claims 29, 30 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Still further according to the Office Action, claims 1, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18 – 24 and 26 – 31 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by a publication entitled “Robust, Multi-Functional and High Quality Audio Watermarking Technology” (hereinafter “Veen”).

To expedite the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Office Action, Applicant’s claims are amended as follows:

Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice. The allowable subject matter of claim 2 is incorporated into independent claim 1, thereby making claim 1 and dependent claim 3 allowable.

Allowable claim 4 is rewritten in independent form, thereby making claim 4 and dependent claims 5 – 10 allowable.

Claim 12 is canceled without prejudice. The allowable subject matter of claim 12 is incorporated into independent claim 11, thereby making claim 11 and dependent claim 13 allowable.

Claim 15 is canceled without prejudice. The allowable subject matter of claim 15 is incorporated into independent claim 14, thereby making claim 14 and dependent claims 16 – 20 allowable.

Claim 25 is canceled without prejudice. The allowable subject matter of claim 25 is incorporated into independent claim 24, thereby making claim 24 and dependent claim 26 allowable.

Claims 21 – 23 and 27 – 31 are canceled without prejudice.

It is respectfully submitted that the objection to claim 29 and the rejection of claims 11, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18 – 24 and 26 – 31 have been overcome. Hence, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the examiner’s correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is

believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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